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TITLE: LONGITUDINAL SHAFT

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents

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Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 14, 2005, and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 18, 2005, Applicant is enclosing PTO-Form 1449 and copies of references which were cited in the International Search Report and listed in Applicant's February 14, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement, but which the Examiner indicated he had not considered.

Although the Examiner has indicated that copies of these references had not been received, Applicant believes that these

references should have been submitted by the International Office. In any event, Applicant resubmits them herewith.

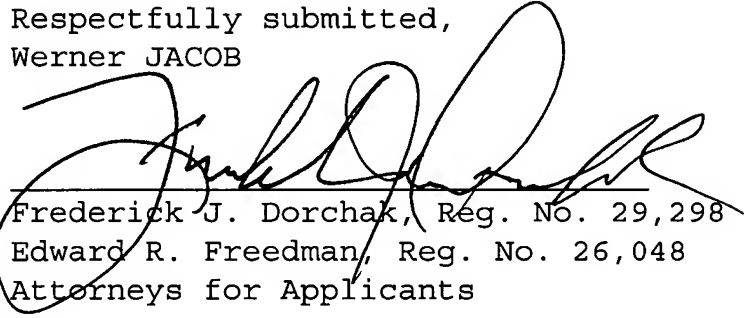
An English-language abstract of *JP 3-249430* is enclosed which is believed to set forth the relevance as currently understood, as well as the International Search Report submitted with Applicant's February 14, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement which listed this reference as a category "A" document defining the general state of the art, which is not considered to be of particular relevance. The two ends of the shaft depicted in the abstract of *JP 3-249430* are provided with a flange which is adapted to be coupled to a corresponding flange of a gearbox, output shaft, or a differential input shaft. Thus, it is not a gearbox output shaft of a differential input shaft itself which is inserted in the inner hub of the two articulations provided at the two ends of this shaft.

A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for filing a Supplemental IDS, and the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or to credit any overpayments in connection with this IDS to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Enclosures: PTO-1449 form with two (2) references  
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